The Department of Family Welfare of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, accordingly implemented the following:

(a) The Centrally defined methods specific targets for family planning were abolished.

(b) Emphasis shifted to decentralized planning at district level, based on community needs assessment.

(c) The implementation of programmes was aimed at fulfilling these needs.

(d) Quality of care is now a major issue and so is skill upgradation, training for all health care providers, and also the building up of a referral network.

(e) Monitoring and evaluation has become a routine part of the programme and the data is used for mid term corrections.

During the 10th Five Year Plan the focus is on enabling couples to achieve their reproductive health goals, to address the unmet needs for contraception to reduce unwanted pregnancies and to integrate health care for women and children with special emphasis on community needs assessments. There would be decentralized, area specific, micro planning with greater emphasis on quality of care. The 10th Five Year Plan would also make efforts to meet the health care needs of the families with emphasis on involvement of men in Planned Parenthood. The emphasis would be to address the unmet need, by *inter-alia*, improving logistics to ensure adequate and timely supplies of health care products, commodities and services.

Posting of Medical Superintendent in CGHS Ayurvedic Hospital, Aliganj

2950. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration to post officiating Medical Superintendent to the CGHS Ayurvedic Hospital, Aliganj, New Delhi;

(b) if so, whether the three senior-most among the Chief Medical Officers (Ayurveda) have been overlooked and the fourth officer is being posted as Medical Superintendent;

(c) if so, the reasons for not considering the senior-most Chief Medical Officer for the post of Medical Superintendent; and

(d) the rules/procedure in this regard for selecting an officer for the post of Medical Superintendent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and would be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of Cardiac Cath Lab in Safdarjung Hospital

2951. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether expenditure on setting-up the Cardiac Cath Lab in Safdarjung Hospital can be justified, as a large part of which would have been saved by doing angioplasty and stenting;

(b) the mortality rate of persons undergone by-pass surgery in this hospital during the last two years; and

(c) the proportionate number of cardiac invasive procedures and cardiac surgeries done in the AIIMS and Safdarjung Hospital during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Safdarjung Hospital has a full-fledged cardiology and Cardio Thoracic and Vascular Surgery Department. Establishment of a cath lab is essential. Invasive procedure like angioplasty with stenting can be undertaken in the cath lab. Nonetheless, it is an essential investigative procedure to ascertain the site and percentage of blockage of carotid artery to facilitate coronary artery by pass and grafting surgery.